

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MITIGATING POWER-CONTROL ERRORS  
DURING A SOFT HANDOFF IN A WIRELESS COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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A plurality of base stations (600) are programmed (702) with a uniform power-control bit pattern to be sent to a mobile unit during a plurality of power-control bit times, before the mobile unit is acquired on a reverse link. The plurality of base stations are further arranged and programmed to synchronize (704)

10 transmissions of the uniform power-control bit pattern such that the plurality of base stations, when transmitting, send identical power-control bits during each of the plurality of power-control bit times.